

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. They must be held to compliance with the law.

This is important at all times, because free media are essential to a democracy. To the extent to which commercial or political organizations control what free newspapers, radio, and TV present, we are losing a basic freedom and a constitutional right. This is especially important when an event as momentous as this national election is involved.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Thank you.